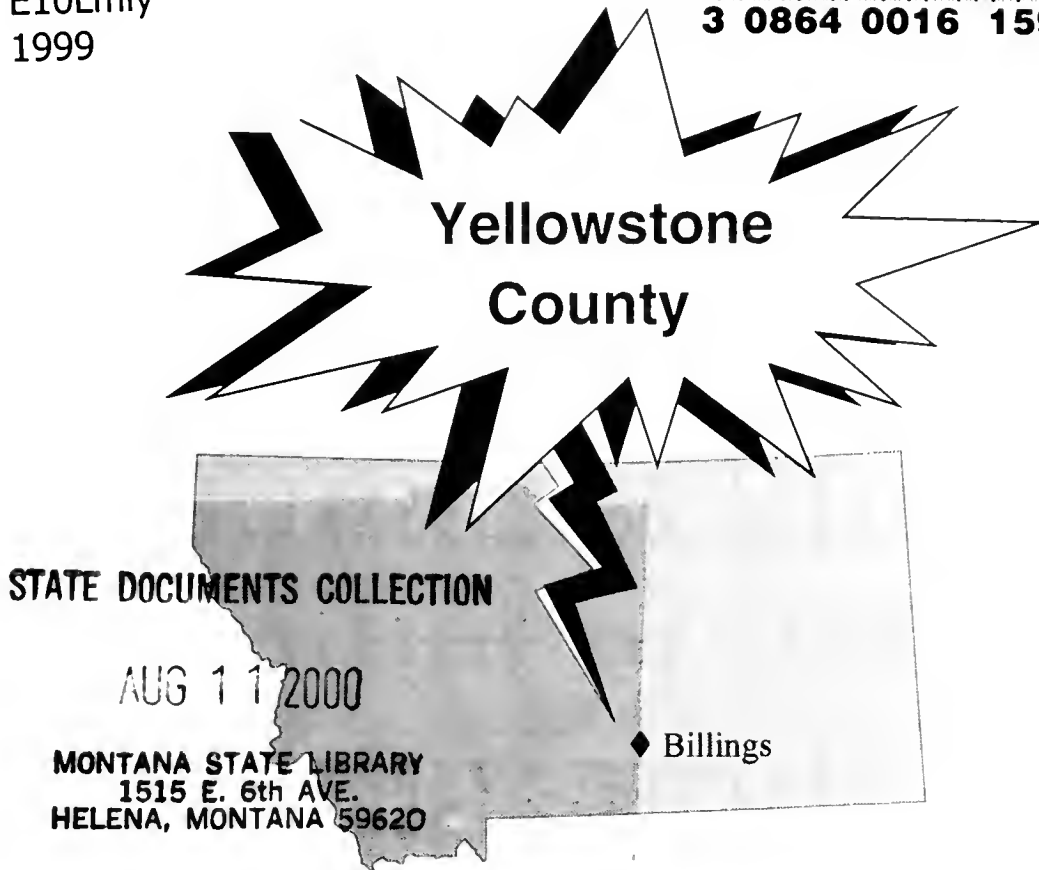


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### Cities and Towns in Yellowstone County

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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Yellowstone County

Located in south central Montana, Yellowstone County is Montana's most populous with 113,419 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Billings, the county seat, is the state's largest city with a population of 81,125 and is a major retail and wholesale trade, financial, energy, transportation and medical center. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1883. The Yellowstone River, the authors say, was called by early French trappers, Roche Jaune for "yellow rock." Pompey's Pillar, an area landmark, was originally called Pompey's Tower by Captain William Clark. The authors add he named it after Sacajawea's son Baptiste, whom he called "Little Pomp." And Billings was named for lawyer, philanthropist and former Northern Pacific Railroad President Frederick Billings.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Yellowstone County households in 1989 was \$25,942. The county is 2,666 square miles in area; 2,635 square miles in land area and 31 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 13.3 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 9.3 inches. The average daily high in July was 87.0 degrees above. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 16.73 inches and the length of the growing season 131 days.

## Top 20 Private Employers In Yellowstone County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's Food & Drug Better Business Systems Billings Gazette Genex Inc. Conoco Inc. Deaconess Billings Clinic Health System Dillard's	Empire Sand & Gravel Exxon Corporation First Interstate Bank Interstate Brands/Sweetheart Bakery JTL Group Inc. Norwest Bank Rocky Mountain College	St. John's Lutheran Home St. Vincent Hospital Supervel Inc. Sysco Food Services Teleperformance USA Wal-Mart
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis

Third Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city,

county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

## Yellowstone County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	878,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Yellowstone County	126,158	125,869	113,419	11.2%	11.0%
Billings*	Not Available	Not Available	81,125	Not Available	Not Available
Broadview*	Not Available	Not Available	133	Not Available	Not Available
Laurel*	Not Available	Not Available	5,686	Not Available	Not Available

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

\*Revisions will be available in August 1999.

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65	Real Estate	9
7	Agricultural Services	9
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>488</b>

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

\*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Annual Average Labor Force For Yellowstone County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
1970	35,295	33,812	1,483	4.2%
1971	36,503	34,912	1,591	4.4%
1972	39,359	37,606	1,753	4.5%
1973	42,582	40,844	1,738	4.1%
1974	45,498	43,572	1,926	4.2%
1975	46,489	44,006	2,483	5.3%
1976	48,125	45,859	2,266	4.7%
1977	51,265	48,822	2,443	4.8%
1978	53,442	50,826	2,616	4.9%
1979	55,272	53,243	2,029	3.7%
1980	55,549	52,870	2,679	4.8%
1981	57,099	54,057	3,042	5.3%
1982	59,827	55,994	3,833	6.4%
1983	61,122	56,364	4,758	7.8%
1984	62,042	57,715	4,327	7.0%
1985	61,790	57,290	4,500	7.3%
1986	61,436	56,726	4,710	7.7%
1987	60,085	55,704	4,381	7.3%
1988	58,961	55,321	3,640	6.2%
1989	64,383	61,249	3,134	4.9%
1990	61,648	58,563	3,085	5.0%
1991	62,518	59,101	3,417	5.5%
1992	65,170	61,517	3,653	5.6%
1993	65,732	62,508	3,224	4.9%
1994	68,013	65,300	2,713	4.0%
1995	66,830	63,611	3,219	4.8%
1996	67,239	64,247	2,992	4.4%
1997	68,640	65,529	3,111	4.5%
1998	70,389	67,290	3,099	4.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1999 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	57,867	30,718	27,149
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	14,217	7,129	7,088
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	7,002	3,833	3,169
Professional Specialty Occupations	7,215	3,296	3,919
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	19,788	7,751	12,027
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,884	922	962
Sales Occupations	8,422	4,945	3,477
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	9,472	1,884	7,588
<b>Service Occupations</b>	9,630	3,523	6,107
Private Household Occupations	199	14	185
Protective Service Occupations	726	671	55
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	8,705	2,838	5,867
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	1,546	1,247	299
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	5,802	5,429	373
Mechanics and Repairers	2,250	2,189	61
Construction Trade	2,041	2,002	39
Extractive Occupations	57	51	6
Precision Production Occupations	1,454	1,187	267
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	6,603	5,509	1,094
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,559	1,084	475
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	2,854	2,612	242
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	2,190	1,813	377
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	291	130	161

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

## Resources

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**

Billings Chamber, P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107, 406-245-4111  
Laurel Chamber, P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8105

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**

*Billings Job Service Center*

2121-B Roschud Dr., Billings, MT 59102-6274, 406-652-3080

*Billings Unemployment Claims Telephone Center*

P.O. Box 30697, Billings, MT 59107-0697, 406-247-1000

*Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications*

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>

⇒ **Housing:**

Billings Association of Realtors, 1643 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59102, 406-248-7145

⇒ **Internet:**

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>

Cities and towns of Ballantine, Billings, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompeys Pillar, Shepherd and Worden Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**

*Drivers' Licensing:*

Billings West, 2675 Central Ave. (I-15), Billings, MT 59102, 406-656-1703

Billings Central, 615 B S. 27th, Billings, MT 59105, 406-896-4326

⇒ **Newspapers:**

*Billings Gazette*, P.O. Box 36300, Billings, MT 59107, 406-657-1200

*The Billings Times*, 2919 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101, 406-245-4994

*Laurel Outlook*, P.O. Box 278, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-4412

⇒ **Public Libraries:**

Parmly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101-1196, 406-657-8257

Laurel Public Library, 720 W. 3rd St., Laurel, MT 59044-0068, 406-628-4961

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**

*Montana University System*

Montana State University-Billings, 1500 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101, 406-657-2011

Montana State University College of Technology, 3803 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59102, 406-656-4445

*Independent Colleges*

Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, 406-657-1000

Yellowstone Baptist College, 1515 Shiloh Road, Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-9950

*Other Colleges*

Education America—Billings Campus, 2520 5th Ave. S., Billings, MT 59101, 406-256-1000

May Technical College, 1306 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59102, 406-259-7000

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**

Billings Public Schools, 415 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101, 406-247-3771

Blue Creek Elementary, 3652 Blue Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-259-0653

Broadview Public Schools, P.O. Box 147, Broadview, MT 59015, 406-667-2337

Canyon Creek Elementary, 3139 Duck Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-4471

Custer Schools, Box 69, Custer, MT 59024, 406-856-4117

Elder Grove Elementary, 1532 S. 64 St. W., Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-2893

Elysian Elementary, 6416 Elysian Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-2263

Huntley Project Schools, 1477 Ash St., Worden, MT 59088, 406-967-2540

Independent Elementary, 2907 Roundup Road, Billings, MT 59105, 406-259-8109

Laurel Public Schools, 410 Colorado, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8623

Lockwood Elementary, 1932 U.S. Highway 87, Billings, MT 59101, 406-252-6022

Morrin Elementary, 8824 Pryor Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-245-9257

Pioneer Elementary, 1520 Linda Lane, Billings, MT 59105, 406-373-6102

Shepherd Public Schools, Box 8, Shepherd, MT 59079, 406-373-5461

Yellowstone Academy Elementary, 1732 S. 72nd St. W., Billings, MT 59106,

406-656-2198

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually. **Per Capita Income** statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. **Population data for Montana** is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The **Annual Average Labor Force** information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain **Census** information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Yellowstone County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1997							
Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	5,007	59,492	\$1,458,768,373	Bldg Materials-Garden	60	766	\$16,454,330
PRIVATE BUSINESS	4,908	51,613	\$1,228,029,012	General Merchandise	22	1,843	\$25,501,229
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	89	434	\$6,932,851	Food Stores	75	1,587	\$21,475,824
Agriculture Production Crops	7	53	\$795,912	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	159	2,154	\$49,950,231
Agriculture Production Livestock	13	103	\$2,056,087	Apparel & Accessories	78	523	\$5,687,782
Agriculture Services	66	276	\$4,068,674	Furniture Stores	99	607	\$17,842,127
MINING	43	291	\$16,524,585	Eating & Drinking	312	5,135	\$48,593,881
Oil & Gas Extraction	37	273	\$15,902,561	Miscellaneous Retail	242	1,587	\$23,040,076
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	3	11	\$175,595	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	465	3,138	\$97,134,302
CONSTRUCTION	540	3,315	\$98,754,529	Banking	42	1,287	\$37,149,231
General Building	163	542	\$13,375,221	Credit Agencies	34	149	\$5,199,294
Heavy Construction	42	927	\$35,262,569	Security & Commodity	38	226	\$18,676,136
Special Trade	334	1,846	\$50,116,739	Insurance Carriers	35	159	\$5,282,212
MANUFACTURING	182	3,520	\$123,109,324	Insurance Agents	110	464	\$13,379,014
Food Products	29	806	\$23,820,325	Real Estate	177	647	\$11,006,023
Lumber	10	80	\$1,502,315	Holding & Investments	27	204	\$8,442,392
Furniture	6	27	\$544,493	SERVICES	1,723	17,442	\$413,829,192
Printing/Publishing	40	570	\$15,294,642	Hotels & Lodging	35	832	\$9,364,236
Chemicals	5	125	\$4,838,317	Personal Services	107	818	\$8,892,519
Petroleum Refining	8	904	\$51,744,543	Business Services	310	2,817	\$40,477,694
Rubber, Miscellaneous Plastic	5	92	\$2,125,068	Auto Repair Services	130	825	\$10,500,005
Stone-Clay-Glass	13	108	\$2,968,018	Miscellaneous Repair Services	77	307	\$8,477,408
Fabricated Metal	15	248	\$6,837,803	Motion Pictures	19	175	\$1,812,399
Nonelectrical Machinery**	16	99	\$2,328,216	Amusement & Recreation	98	1,089	\$12,549,979
Transportation Equipment	5	147	\$4,484,408	Health Services	300	5,949	\$208,408,366
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10	155	\$3,892,712	Legal Services	108	480	\$18,687,320
TRANS. COMMUN., UTILITIES	268	3,506	\$93,905,751	Educational Services	19	454	\$7,996,045
Local Transportation	13	392	\$4,929,079	Social Services	138	1,823	\$24,980,188
Trucking-Warehousing	146	1,335	\$34,489,807	Museums, Zoos, etc.	8	38	\$546,445
Air Transportation	24	724	\$18,978,450	Membership Organizations	72	619	\$8,284,724
Pipelines	4	24	\$1,496,044	Engineering Services	238	1,517	\$49,197,902
Transport Services	25	160	\$3,487,732	Private Households	48	70	\$735,850
Communication	38	530	\$16,185,797	Miscellaneous Services	14	24	\$838,211
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	16	338	\$14,340,843	Nonclassifiable	7	12	\$187,614
WHOLESALE TRADE	538	5,545	\$169,324,584	GOVERNMENT	99	7,879	\$230,739,361
Durable Goods	350	3,382	\$101,170,723	State	17	1,473	\$32,970,450
Non-durable Goods	187	2,163	\$68,153,861	Local	28	4,898	\$121,164,888
RETAIL TRADE	1,050	14,404	\$208,346,280	Federal	54	1,707	\$78,604,023

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis. (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

\*\*Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment

## Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,278
% of National									
Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Yellowstone County	\$3,840	\$10,328	\$17,154	\$18,264	\$19,019	\$19,644	\$20,468	\$21,482	\$22,235
% of National									
Average	94%	103%	89%	93%	92%	92%	92%	92%	91%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1998

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## 1990 Census of Population and Housing

### Persons by Age, Race and Sex

Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	11,753	5,782	89	32	557	284	67	35	544	256	181	92
12-14	4,776	2,301	27	11	201	96	20	8	210	97	65	32
15-17	4,432	2,142	22	9	176	96	37	19	184	75	52	25
18-21	5,706	3,003	29	10	211	107	62	26	243	121	86	35
Total	26,667	13,228	167	62	1,145	583	186	88	1,181	549	384	184

Working & Voting Age	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	82,228	43,301	314	108	1,963	1,062	424	226	1,937	932	747	328
16-64	68,448	35,196	286	93	1,866	1,003	394	210	1,771	842	683	292
18+	79,280	41,888	304	104	1,851	999	396	211	1,815	883	715	314
18-64	65,500	33,783	276	89	1,754	940	366	195	1,649	793	651	278

Other Age Group	Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific											
	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	7,680	3,639	69	35	450	207	92	48	405	177	127	50
5-17	20,961	10,225	138	52	934	476	124	62	938	428	298	149
18-44	44,767	23,143	214	63	1,407	763	285	144	1,292	624	490	208
45-64	20,733	10,640	62	26	347	177	81	51	357	169	161	70
62+	16,577	9,529	35	19	116	69	35	20	199	103	80	43
65+	13,780	8,105	28	15	97	59	30	16	166	90	64	36
Total	107,921	55,752	511	191	3,235	1,682	612	321	3,158	1,488	1,140	513

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

## Yellowstone County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Yellowstone County	County of Work	# Who Live in Yellowstone County
Out of State	567	Out of State	602
Big Horn County	128	Big Horn County	196
Carbon County	514	Carbon County	132
Cascade County	39	Cascade County	49
Custer County	21	Dawson County	26
Gallatin County	68	Gallatin County	99
Golden Valley County	31	Golden Valley County	41
Missoula County	42	Jefferson County	33
Musselshell County	69	Lewis & Clark County	21
Park County	40	Missoula County	73
Stillwater County	438	Musselshell County	35
Sweet Grass County	21	Park County	43
Yellowstone County	52,092	Rosebud County	126
Other Montana Counties	219	Silver Bow County	21
		Stillwater County	143
		Toole County	22
		Yellowstone County	52,092
		Yellowstone National Park	22
		Other Montana Counties	130

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.